

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF NORTH BRUNSWICK  
AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH  
RONALD H. GORDON, ESQ. OF THE FIRM  
DECOTTIS, FITZPATRICK & COLE, LLP  
TO SERVE AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of North Brunswick has a need to acquire professional services for a Township Attorney under a fair and open contract process pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2010 the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick approved Resolution 292-10.10 authorizing the issuance of Requests for Qualifications for professional services for a Township Attorney, and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent received, and the Deputy Municipal Clerk witnessed, the receipt of Requests for Qualifications for said professional services on November 17, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent has determined the anticipated aggregate value of said professional services will exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Gordon Esq. of the firm DeCottis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP submitted a proposal on November 17, 2010 in response to QUA10003 to provide professional services as Township Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, Administration and Purchasing have reviewed the Qualifications for professional services and recommend authorization to Ronald Gordon Esq. of the firm DeCottis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Township of North Brunswick to enter into an agreement with Ronald Gordon Esq. of the firm DeCottis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP (Glenpointe Centre West, 500 Frank W. Burr Blvd., Teaneck, NJ 07666) to serve in the position as Township Attorney for calendar year 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, DeCottis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Wisler, LLP shall be compensated for these services at a blended hourly rate of \$150.00 for partners and associates, a blended hourly rate of \$75.00 for law clerks and paralegals, a blended hourly rate of \$175.00 for special projects, and reimbursable expenses in an amount not to exceed \$195,000.00 for general matters exclusive of special projects services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that \$100,000.00 is available for this purpose in FY2011 Legal OE budget account 1-01-20-155-000-981 for general legal, excluding special services which shall be charged to the related accounts as certified by the Chief Financial Officer, for services ending June 30, 2011 and the balance shall be certified upon the appropriation of funds in FY2012.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2011, that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute and the Township Clerk to witness an agreement with Ronald Gordon Esq. of the firm DeCottis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP to provide legal services as Township Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$195,000.00 for general matters exclusive of special projects services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** notice of this action shall be published in the Home News & Tribune as required by law within 10 (ten) days after its passage.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Kala Sriranganathan, Chief Financial Officer, certify that \$100,000.00 is available for this purpose in FY2011 Legal OE budget account 1-01-20-155-000-981 for general legal, excluding special services which shall be charged to the related accounts as certified by the Chief Financial Officer, for services ending June 30, 2011 and the balance shall be certified upon the appropriation of funds in FY 2012. Contract QUA10003

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Kala Sriranganathan  
Chief Financial Officer

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Robert Lombard  
Business Administrator

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Ronald Gordon, Esq.  
Township Attorney  
Approved as to legal form

**RECORDED VOTE:**

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
NARRA				
ANDREWS				
NICOLA				
DAVIS				
SOCIO				
CORBIN				
MAYOR WOMACK				

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, at its meeting held on January 1, 2011.

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Lisa Russo  
Township Clerk